The diversion of Chalakkudi water for Travancore use.

10. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there has been any proposal for the diversion of the water of the Chalakkudi river for the use of Travancore; if so, what was the reply of the Cochin Government in the matter;

(b) will they be pleased to lay on the table of the House the correspondence on the subject?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The matter is under correspondence.

(b) The Government consider it premature to do so.

The sale of Marathu timber collected at Kallur.

11. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the exact quantity of Marathu timber that was collected at Kallur and the date of collection;

(b) whether dates were fixed for selling the same by public auction or for tender, and if so, the results on the various occasions;

(c) whether it was sold subsequently to any, and if so, the rates and the total amount collected along with the exact quantity of timber sold;

(d) the name of the last purchaser with his rates, quantity sold and the rate of the same?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Candies 1,438—0—11—11 in the year 1098.

(b) Tenders were invited first, but no offers were received. Private negotiations were then tried, without success. Public auction was thereupon notified and then also none came to bid.

(c) Candies 194—12—17—9 of the collection were sold piecemeal at Rs. 10 and Rs. 11 a candy to the value of Rs. 2,007—9—5.

The balance quantity of candies 1,243—11—10—2 was afterwards sold to Moothedath Kochunni Menon at Rs. 9 a candy. He remitted Rs. 4,545—0—9 and removed candies 350—3—6—13. A quantity of candies 95—5—15—13¾ was also given as allowance for defects.

(d) The balance quantity left after the transaction referred to in (c), viz., candies 798—2—19—7¼ was sold to K. G. Ponnappa [illegible] for a lump sum of Rs. 6,303—0—10.

Mr. T. A. [illegible]handra Ayyar.—Is this the same contractor who has accepted the Vellani contract?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

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